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Production and Marketing AdministrationEstimated Carloads of Perishable and Semi-perishable Domestically Produced Commodities
That Normally Move in Refrigerator Cars, by Months for 1945, 1946 and 1947 1

April, 1947

Margarine and fruits &	Fresh vegetables	Beverages / 2 butterine / 3 vegetables / 4 Meats / 5 Butter / 3 Cheese / 3 Eggs / 3 dressed / 3 -- milk --	Poultry	Canned food	Canned stuff / 6 Total
Estimated cars, May 1947	19,555	314	79,562	23,324	1,579
Number cars shipped May 1946	17,085	314	86,363	20,911	1,263
Percentage increase or decrease	14.5	0.0	-7.9	11.5	25.0
Estimated cars, June 1947	19,796	237	85,831	29,417	1,836
Number cars shipped June 1946	17,214	230	90,077	18,402	1,463
Percentage increase or decrease	15.0	3.0	-4.7	59.8	25.5
Estimated cars, July 1947	20,852	240	83,165	21,220	2,582
Number cars shipped, July 1946	18,956	231	85,270	24,998	2,152
Percentage increase or decrease	10.0	3.9	-2.5	-15.11	20.0
Estimated cars, August 1946	20,923	522	73,416	31,258	2,386
Estimated cars, August 1945	21,982	551	72,308	31,449	2,763
Percentage increase or decrease	-4.8	-5.3	1.5	-0.6	-13.6
Estimated cars, September 1946	22,989	380	80,465	19,508	1,967
Estimated cars, September 1945	21,492	380	87,876	29,247	1,880
Percentage increase or decrease	7.0	0.0	-8.4	-33.3	4.6
Estimated cars, October 1946	23,426	641	93,785	27,710	1,785
Estimated cars, October 1945	24,334	590	100,741	30,201	1,635
Percentage increase or decrease	-3.7	8.6	-6.9	-8.2	9.2
Estimated cars, November 1946	22,206	424	73,612	34,939	1,774
Estimated cars, November 1945	23,100	390	81,735	1,695	1,846
Percentage increase or decrease	-3.8	8.7	-2.0	4.7	-16.5

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	Margarine and <u>Beverages /2</u>	Fresh fruits & <u>butterine /2</u>	<u>vegetables /4</u>	<u>Meat /5</u>	<u>Butter /2</u>	<u>Cheese /3</u>	<u>Eggs /2</u>	<u>Poultry dressed /2</u>	<u>milk</u>	<u>stuffs /6</u>	<u>Total /-</u>	Canned food
Estimated cars, December 1946	22,617	410	72,431	32,791	1,808	1,292	2,923	4,856	4,468	41,381	184,977	
Estimated cars, December 1945	23,807	377	74,613	35,338	1,623	1,643	2,669	4,845	4,411	40,570	189,896	
Percentage increase or decrease	-5.0	8.8	-2.9	-7.2	11.4	-21.4	9.5	0.2	1.3	2.0	-2.6	
Estimated cars, January 1947	20,801	331	77,185	34,685	2,158	2,280	2,830	2,678	4,972	38,352	186,272	
Number cars shipped, January 1946	21,221	343	83,916	28,758	1,542	1,819	3,011	2,880	4,721	37,600	185,811	
Percentage increase or decrease	-3.5	-3.5	-8.0	20.6	39.9	25.3	-6.0	-7.0	5.2	2.0	0.2	
Estimated cars, February 1947	19,815	347	69,602	25,417	1,784	2,039	2,601	1,506	4,281	36,702	164,094	
Number cars shipped February 1946	20,858	274	73,924	28,171	1,294	1,520	2,738	1,585	4,391	35,473	170,228	
Percentage increase or decrease	-5.0	-2.0	-5.8	-9.8	37.9	34.1	-5.0	-5.0	-2.5	3.5	-3.6	
Estimated cars, March 1947	20,479	339	84,400	32,762	1,698	2,340	3,222	1,345	5,193	35,139	186,917	
Number cars shipped March 1946	20,330	334	86,150	27,758	1,209	1,658	3,464	1,416	5,299	34,116	181,734	
Percentage increase or decrease	0.7	1.5	-2.0	18.0	40.4	41.1	-7.0	-5.0	-2.0	3.0	2.8	
Estimated cars, April 1947	20,600	260	84,753	28,179	1,820	1,722	4,021	1,680	6,532	35,940	185,507	
Number cars shipped April 1946	18,655	268	90,207	23,047	1,399	1,701	4,233	1,768	6,665	34,106	182,049	
Percentage increase or decrease	10.4	-3.0	-6.0	22.3	30.1	1.2	-5.0	-5.0	-2.0	5.4	1.9	

/1 For certain commodities, particularly bottled and canned beer and canned foodstuffs, the use of refrigerator cars is essential only during those months when protection from the cold is required.

/2 ICC Statement No. M-500 carloads originated less 5 percent is the estimate for the first 7 months of 1946.

/3 ICC Statement No. M-500 carloads originated are used in the first 7 months of 1946.

/4 Fruit and Vegetable Branch, Production and Marketing Administration. April, May, June and July 1947 are estimates; all other figures are actual shipments. Approximately 1.5% of all fresh fruits and vegetables are frozen; frozen foods and watermelons not included in these shipments.

/5 For the first 7 months of 1946, this figure is the sum of ICC classification 210, 220 and 222 carloads originated less canned meats. Five months of 1945, 5 months of 1946, and January through July 1947 are estimates on the same basis.

/6 The first 7 months of 1946 this figure is ICC classification 680, carloads originated plus canned meats but less canned milk. Five months of 1945, 5 months of 1946 and January through July 1947 are estimates of the same movement.